

WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE PORT IMPACTING LIVES

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Westport Baptist Church's Clothes Closet

You can take gently used clothing on
August 1st.

August 8th-11th Monday-Thursday

The hours of 8:30am—6:00pm

Free clothing for all ages.

The family clothes closet is sponsored
by twenty-two Decatur County
Churches, four organizations, and
private individuals who believe in
"Neighbors helping Neighbors".

Westport — Amid a lackluster economy and a dismal
job outlook, a helping hand is something a great deal
of area citizens welcome with open arms.



Westport Christian Church is doing its part to help
those in need. Each Monday morning, members of the
church hand out produce, cakes and many more food
items to anyone willing to stop by and take them.

(So happy that Greensburg Daily News
reports on good things happening!)



WAY TO GO PORT IMPACTING LIVES FOR JESUS

HILLTOP MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, August 12, 2011

Retreat Theme:

"A Man After God's Own Heart"

Retreat Speaker:

David Butts President of Harvest Prayer Ministries
Also chairman of America's National Prayer Committee
& Pioneer Bible Translators Board of Directors
From Terre Haute, Indiana

Retreat schedule:

5:00pm Check-in
6:00 B.B.Q. Chicken Supper
7:00pm Music
7:30pm Message, Part 1
(David Butts)
8:15pm Offering & Break
8:30pm Message, Part 2
(David Butts)
9:15 pm Gift Drawings
(must be present to win)
Music: Doug Pogue
Brownstown Christian Church
Retreat Cost \$15



Advance meal registrations needed by Wednesday,
August 10th. Any questions see Mike Bartlett

August 2011

OUR VISION

A Place Where Jesus is
IMPACTING LIVES

OUR MISSION

*THE PORT IS MADE UP
OF PEOPLE WHO
Live Like Jesus by. . .
Seeking the lost
Making disciples
Showing Compassion*

OUR CORE

**VALUES BY GOD'S
GRACE. . .**

The Bible is
THE final authority.
We are a holy people.
We are culturally
relevant. We are
faithful stewards
striving for Excellence.

The Port: 591-3807

Shepherds:

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Kenny Blanton -663-7919
Dennis Newland -591-3528
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Mike's Message

Great things are happening! I must let you all know that Jason, the elders and I are very excited about so many wonderful things that are taking place in our community because of your efforts. Through your efforts we are truly "impacting lives" in Westport, Decatur County and beyond. I am very proud of you and feel very honored and humbled to be your preacher.

The other day the phone rang and it was someone I hadn't talked to in quite a while. He was calling to see how things are going here as well as share with me some of the frustrations he was dealing with. He asked how long I have been here and when I told him going on 13 years, his next question was, why? After about 15-20 minutes of sharing with him how God is working through this congregation to impact lives for the Kingdom, he didn't have much to say.

Here are a few things that I shared with him;

*We have a good group of elders who meet every week to study together, pray together, and who is striving to lead in a manner that brings glory to God and strengthens the body.

*There are many in this congregation who work hard at supporting and encouraging one another.

*We have many who are willing to give of their time in the community so people can see how God is using this congregation for His glory.

*We have two women's Bible study group that meet every week to learn together about being a faithful servant for the cause of Christ.

*We have a new youth ministry program that is starting and is going to make a HUGE impact in the lives of our youth.

*We have a wonderful body of believers who are willing to reach out and share Christ's love.

*We have many who are just striving to be REAL.

There were many, many other things that I shared with him about the wonderful things God is doing here in Westport. I must say again that I am very honored to be your preacher here at Westport. I am reminded of the apostle Paul and his encouragement given to the church at Ephesus.

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

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I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. (Eph. 1:15-19NASU)

May we continue to work together to be the place where Jesus is impacting lives. Following our mission to live like Jesus by *seeking the lost, making disciples, and showing compassion*

Growing Together, Mike

Please be in prayer for those going to the Northmen & Northwomen Retreat in Michigan on August 1st-4th

Please be in prayer for the Country Lake Retreat for our leadership team on August 25-27

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

I'm very excited to be part of the family at "The Port". I'm looking forward to working with the youth and reaching the un-churched in the area. Over the next few months we will be doing service projects in the community. We will also be doing some fun things. My contact info is Cell# (334) 618-4135 and EMAIL: Jason@westportchristianchurch.com.

Grace & Peace,
Jason

Don't forget our Youth Ministry Team Meeting August 28 at 5pm (More details coming in the bulletin)

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

Where? The PORT

When? August 7th following worship

What's happening? Handing out school supplies to Preschool-college age students.

A meal will be provided. So don't miss out on FREE School supplies and FOOD!

SOUTH DECATUR ELEMENTARY
TEACHER DAY
SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2011
FROM 11-1PM
THE PORT HELPING OUR TEACHERS
HELP OUR CHILDREN.